



Stewardship is a Way of Life

▣ Prayer ▣ Service ▣ Sharing



Shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe was a major 2011 accomplishment.

More than Sunday Mass

SJB is my Family/SJB es mi Familia

This sentiment is very strong at St. John's, and is demonstrated by the number of people who come to special events such as the Centennial celebration or installation of our new pastor, Fr. Jorge. It is demonstrated by the number of groups that call St. John's home, and by the fact that many people belong to more than one group. We are a diverse community but we come together as one to pray and to play.

We give thanks for all those who pledged and contributed regularly to our 2011-12 offertory. Because of you, we were successful in reducing the deficit for last year. This year, with your help, we can achieve our hope of a balanced budget.

Our SJB Family:

- ◆ Prays and celebrates together
- ◆ Provides religious education and faith formation for our children, youth, and adults
- ◆ Ministers to the sick, homebound, and the grieving
- ◆ Provides the opportunity for Catholic education for our children
- ◆ Provides Spanish-speaking parishioners with spiritual and traditional ministries
- ◆ Provides community building social events



Our children will carry on the Catholic faith and traditions.



Good Grief Group meets every Tuesday to share their lives.



In July 2012, SJB welcomed our new pastor, Fr. Jorge Hernandez, OFM

Our New Mission Statement

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our St. John the Baptist Catholic Family, engages each other to live the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Fortalecido por el Espiritu Santo, nuestra Catolica familia de St. Juan de Bautista se envuelve con cada uno para vivir la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo.



...and our new Parochial Vicar, Fr. Richard Juzix, OFM

Our Challenge

The good news is that *we are doing better*—we actually broke even for Fiscal Year 2011-12 which ended June 30th. Your commitment to stewardship at St. John's is the reason we have been successful in minimizing or eliminating the deficit and returning to a more healthy financial status. But we have more work to do. This year's budget again presents us with increases in costs that are outside of our control for things like insurance, monthly archdiocese assessment, utilities, fuel, etc.

Financial Stewardship:

- ◆ Six years ago, our annual offertory contributions totaled \$750,000
⇒ This past year contributions totaled \$730,000
- ◆ We are able to do more with less
⇒ Today we have about 785 contributing families
- ◆ All expenses and ministry budgets have been thoroughly reviewed to be sure costs are tightly controlled and eliminated wherever possible
⇒ All the while there has been growing need for services through all ministries
- ◆ We received several bequests and unexpected donations that helped us with our cash flow—and balancing the budget
⇒ But we can't count on receiving these this year.

Parish leadership believes we will see continued increase in demand for services over the next few years, particularly for our care ministry (homebound, good grief group, etc.), religious education and

Call To Action

sacramental preparation. These services are the most basic to the continuation of our Catholic faith, and we must be willing to do whatever it takes to make them available to those who need them.

Call To Action:

This year, we will need to raise \$780,000 through the parish offertory in order to continue our ministries at their current level and pay all our bills. Or, we will have to reduce ministry expenses by \$65,000 to balance the budget. ***We are asking every family who can to increase your weekly giving to the offertory.*** If every family gave an extra \$2.50 a week, we can meet our goal. In addition, we are asking you to:

- ◆ ***Act as if everything depends upon you, and PRAY as if everything depends on God***
- ◆ ***Get involved, use your God-given gifts in SERVICE to get to know fellow parishioners and strengthen a sense of belonging and hospitality***
- ◆ ***SHARE from your first fruits in thanksgiving for all you have received***

We are making progress on all fronts. There are more parishioners involved in all ministries, and more people attending Mass and parish events. St. John's is being seen more and more as a welcoming and hospitable faith community.

Remember, ***with God all things are possible.*** Please make sure your stewardship sharing commitment is a prayer-filled process.



The Bayanihan Festival featured tasty Filipino food and dancing, and raised \$6,000 to support Parish needs.



Noche Latina was a huge success, led by the Spanish-speaking community, bringing together the whole parish for a night of great food and dancing. And we made another \$5,000 for parish needs.

I have been an investor all my life, and I must say that I have received the greatest return on my investment from money I have given to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School.

Joe Shelley
Parishioner



Centennial Mass Celebration



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Stewardship is what happens after I say "I believe."

Budget 2011-12

\$2.50 additional per week per family

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Offertory Projection 2012-13

Help us achieve a balanced budget—Make your pledge today!

We're on the Web:

www.sjbcatholicchurch.org

Save Trees & Postage—Send your email address to: lallen@sjbcatholicchurch.org

You Make A Difference!

Did you know that SJB serves the greater community through partnerships with St. Vincent de Paul, Young Ladies Institute, Knights of Columbus, St. John's Catholic Community Foundation, Legion of Mary, Fatima Society, AA, Red Cross, CYO, Scouts, and senior activities such as the weekly Pinochle game. The latest data shows the value of one hour of volunteer time in Oregon is \$21.79. Imagine how much the parish saves each year because of the willingness and commitment of volunteers to do whatever needs to be done. Care Ministry volunteers alone spend 23 hours (Over \$500 value) a week visiting the homebound -priceless!

Whether you sing in the choir, lector, teach kids about the Faith, weed or care for the campus, stuff the bulletin, pray for special intentions, or serve on a leadership team, **you make a difference.**



4th Degree Knights of Columbus form honor guard for Centennial Celebration Procession



YLI volunteers for the Seminary Burse Luncheon